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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Insurance, and Automotive Safety concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Consumer Product Safety Commission, after receiving testimony from Nancy A. Nord, Acting Chairman, and Thomas H. Moore, Commissioner, both of the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission; Sally Greenberg, Consumers Union, Rachel Weintraub, Consumer Federation of America, and John C. Dean, National Association of State Fire Marshals, all of Washington, D.C.; and Frederick Locker, Toy Industry Association and Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association, New York, New York, on behalf of the Consumer Product Safety Commission Coalition of the National Association of Manufacturers.

GLOBAL WARMING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee held a hearing to examine a perspective on global warming—an increase in the average temperature of the earth's atmosphere, especially a sustained increase sufficient to cause climatic change, receiving testimony from former Vice President of the United States Al Gore.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an overview of Government Accountability Office assistance to Congressional oversight, focusing on past work, and future challenges and opportunities, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

LONG-TERM HEALTH IMPACTS OF 9/11

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a review

of treatment, diagnosis, and monitoring efforts, focusing on the long-term health impacts from September 11, after receiving testimony from Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, Edward Skyler, Deputy Mayor for Administration, Robin Herbert, World Trade Center (WTC) Medical Monitoring Program Data and Coordination Center at Mount Sinai, Kerry J. Kelly, New York City Fire Department Bureau of Health Services, Joan Reibman, Bellevue Hospital WTC Environmental Health Center, and Jeanne Mager Stellman, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, all of New York, New York; James Melius, New York State Laborers' Health and Safety Trust Fund, Albany; and Jeffrey L. Endean, Morris County Sheriff's Office, Succasunna, New Jersey.

NATIONAL SECURITY LETTERS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the findings of the Inspector General of the improper use of the National Security Letters by the Federal Bureau of Investigation relating to the misuse of the Patriot Act powers, after receiving testimony from Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General, Department of Justice.

IDENTITY THEFT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine recent developments involving the security of sensitive consumer information relating to identity theft and solutions for an evolving problem, including S. 238, to amend title 18, United States Code, to limit the misuse of Social Security numbers, to establish criminal penalties for such misuse, after receiving testimony from Ronald J. Tenpas, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Lydia B. Parnes, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Joanne McNabb, California Office of Privacy Protection, Sacramento; Jim Davis, University of California, Los Angeles; and Chris Jay Hoofnagle, University of California, Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 1615–1636; 1 private bill, H.R.

1637; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 96; and H. Res. 258–259 were introduced. **Pages H2820–21**

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 545, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–35, Pt. 2);

Supplemental report on H.R. 1433, to provide for the treatment of the District of Columbia as a Congressional district for purposes of representation in the House of Representatives (H. Rept. 110–52, Pt. 3);

H.R. 1195, to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–62);

H. Res. 260, providing for consideration of H.R. 1433, to provide for the treatment of the District of Columbia as a Congressional district for purposes of representation in the House of Representatives (H. Rept. 110–63); and

H. Res. 261, providing for consideration of H.R. 1591, making emergency appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007 (H. Rept. 110–64). **Pages H2819, H2820**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Schakowsky to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2747**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Thomas McCarthy, St. Paul Catholic Church, Salem, OH. **Page H2747**

Gulf Coast Hurricane Housing Recovery Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 1227, to assist in the provision of affordable housing to low-income families affected by Hurricane Katrina, by a recorded vote of 302 ayes to 125 noes, Roll No. 172. Consideration of the measure began on Tuesday, March 20th. **Pages H2752–69**

Agreed to the Jindal motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 249 ayes to 176 noes, with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 171. Subsequently, Representative Frank reported the bill back to the House with the amendments and the amendments were agreed to. **Pages H2766–69**

On a demand for a separate vote on a certain amendment agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, March 20th:

By a yea-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 170, agreed to the Al Green (TX) amendment (No. 5 printed in Part B of House Report 110–53) that extends FEMA housing assistance for evacuees of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma until December 31, 2007 and provides tenant-based rental assistance upon termination of FEMA housing

assistance (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, March 20th). **Pages H2765–66**

Amendments offered in the Committee of the Whole today:

Rejected:

Neugebauer amendment (No. 6 printed in Part B of House Report 110–53) that sought to strike section 306 of the bill, which authorizes funds for eligible families to continue receiving voucher assistance after the termination of the Disaster Voucher Program (by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 168) and **Pages H2752–59, H2763–64**

Price (GA) amendment (No. 7 printed in Part B of House Report 110–53) that sought to strike section 103 of the bill, which eliminates the prohibition of use for match requirement (by a recorded vote of 93 ayes to 333 noes, Roll No. 169).

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Certain words used in debate were objected to and, on request, were taken down and read at the Clerk’s desk. The Chair found that the words were in violation of the spirit of debate and announced that the words would be stricken from the record and that the Member in question would not be allowed to proceed in debate for the remainder of the legislative day. Subsequently, Representative Frank moved that the Member in question be allowed to proceed in order on this day. Agreed to the Frank motion by a yea-and-nay vote of 265 yeas to 160 nays, Roll No. 167. **Pages H2760–62**

H. Res. 254, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Tuesday, March 20th.

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Joshua Omvig Veterans Suicide Prevention Act: H.R. 327, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and implement a comprehensive program designed to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 174; **Pages H2772–78, H2785–86**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and implement a comprehensive program designed to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.”. **Page H2786**

Dr. James Allen Veteran Vision Equity Act: H.R. 797, amended, to improve compensation benefits for veterans in certain cases of impairment of vision involving both eyes, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 175; **Pages H2778–82, H2786–87**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve

compensation benefits for veterans in certain cases of impairment of vision involving both eyes, to provide for the use of the National Directory of New Hires for income verification purposes, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide an educational assistance allowance for qualifying work study activities, and to authorize the provision of bronze representations of the letter "V" for the graves of eligible individuals buried in private cemeteries in lieu of Government-provided headstones or markers."

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Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2007: H.R. 1284, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2007, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 176;

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Judicial Disclosure Responsibility Act: H.R. 1130, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to extend the authority to withhold from public availability a financial disclosure report filed by an individual who is a judicial officer or judicial employee, to the extent necessary to protect the safety of that individual or a family member of that individual, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 177; and

Pages H2787–88, H2795–96

Preventing Harassment through Outbound Number Enforcement (PHONE) Act of 2007: H.R. 740, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent caller ID spoofing, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 178.

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Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Hawaiian Homeownership Opportunity Act of 2007: H.R. 835, to reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 262 yeas to 162 nays, Roll No. 173.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Thursday, March 22nd:

Native American Methamphetamine Enforcement and Treatment Act of 2007: H.R. 545, amended, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine and

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Permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust: H. Con. Res. 66, to permit the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight ye-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2761–62, H2763–64, H2764, H2765–66, H2768, H2769, H2785, H2786, H2786–87, H2795, H2795–96, and H2796–97. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:05 a.m.

Committee Meetings

USDA'S RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Specialty Crops, Rural Development, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review the USDA rural development programs and the agency's rural development proposal for the 2007 Farm Bill. Testimony was heard from Tom Dorr, Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on NOAA. Testimony was heard from VADM Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Department of Justice Overview. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on the Federal Judiciary. Testimony was heard from Julia Smith Gibbons, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; and James C. Duff, Director, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Enhancing Privacy and Civil Rights While Meeting Homeland Security Needs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Hugo Teufel III, Chief Privacy Officer; and Daniel Sutherland, Office Civil Rights and Liberties; and Linda